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I agree. Canada must not allow Trump to trump its political agenda or allow itself to be bullied by the incoherent and inconsistent train wreck currently occupying the White House.

There has been much talk about Canada reversing course on its rising national carbon fee because of Trump, but Canada can ill afford undermining market-based efforts to join the rest of the world in transitioning to a clean-energy economy.

If anything, Canada should capitalize on NAFTA renegotiations by opting out of the investor-state dispute settlement provisions, where corporations may sue governments when they feel their policies, including those helping the environment, impact their profits.

Canada must also exempt itself from the sharing clause (Article 605), which obliges it to continue exporting oil and gas to the U.S. in the same proportion as in the previous three years.

If Canada is committed to climate action, it needs better control over its natural resources.

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